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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday 20 September, 2023

Time: 18:00

Venue: Marina da Gama office, Eastlake shopping centre

Present:

DQ - Demetri Qually
JW - Jonathan Walters
VB - Valerie Benson
RC - Robin Carlisle
LC - Lise Carswell
LG - Lathif Gafoor
PH - Paul Higgins
CM - Caitlin Melidonis
UF - Ulf Martz
NM - Neil Muller
RR – Ralph Richards
AK – Aimee Kuhl – Ward Councillor

Apologies:

PH – Paul Higgins

Notes:

- Demetri Qually opened the meeting and welcomed Excom members, Aimee Kuhl, our ward councillor, as well as Ralph Richards.
- DQ has been advised by his doctor that he needs to step down from his role as chairman with immediate effect.
- LC will continue as chairman until next month's Excom meeting where a new, permanent chairman will be voted in. Excom members have been asked to put themselves or a colleague forward for next month's meeting.
- LC continued chairing the meeting and thanked DQ for his works as chairman to this point.

Waterways Portfolio

- Ralph Richards introduced himself and gave his credentials and some information into his professional background.
- RR is a retired industrial water specialist with B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in geology and chemistry and holds the professional title of Natural Scientist. He is actively involved as a Senior

Fellow in the Water Institute of South Africa (WISA) and Vice-Lead of the Western Cape Branch. He understands how water changes with respect to quality, quantity, flow, pollution and movement.

- He moved to Marina da Gama in 2016, in order to live near the water. His goals are to bring his passion and knowledge on water to Excom, keep residents informed of the water quality, work closely with ZENR, CoCT and ZPAAC.
- After questions were asked and answered, RR was asked to step outside so we could vote.
- RR was unanimously voted the Waterways portfolio holder and co-opted onto Excom.

CSOS

- Committee discussed the history behind the previous CSOS ruling as a resident had voiced their concern that the outcome of the CSOS ruling may result in the MDGA unfairly targeting them.
- The Committee voted to apply the MDGA constitution as it stands - which is that Subscriptions are due by 1 March every year, but residents have 60 days to pay before they become delinquent.

Waterways Bylaw

- We received correspondence with regards to the City bylaw stating that waterways cannot be used from sunset to sunrise.
- AK mentioned that we can forward the correspondence to her to send to the correct channels. This is also something ZPAAC is dealing with.

Fallen Wall in Uitsig

- There is now a camera monitoring the wall.
- The section of wall that needs replacing is 23 meters approximately.
- Can we take the CoCT to CSOS to build a wall? Although there is precedent as the wall was initially built by the City, CoCT has a massive legal team and this would take years.
- RC and NM will look at options for building a wall or putting up a fence and get quotes
- The wall belongs to CoCT and permission would be needed to erect a wall or fence
- Excom to give AK two (2) weeks to resolve the matter with the relevant CoCT line department, failing which;
- Excom would ask AK to seek permission for the MDGA to build a temporary security fence on erf 112511 owned by the CoCT on which the boundary wall had collapsed.
- We would need to hold an OGM to get permission from members, if the temporary fence quotation exceeded the threshold value for which EXCOM could approve the execution in terms of the constitution.

Uitsig security

- Uitsig has a guard at the entrance, funded by residents. Fund raising was hard and eventually a WhatsApp group of paying residents was started and payers were asked to recruit friends and neighbours.
- A sign was put up at the entrance asking residents to sign up for security. The last Excom asked for the sign to be removed.

- VB has requested that a new sign be put up, with no advertising.
- Vote unanimously yes. Preferably on a private wall instead of council property.

Finance

- Credit card has been issued in JW's name
- OFX statements can now be sent to Glenda Barnes and the MDGA office
- We are waiting for Marcia to get permission to access the statements as she has been doing for years.
- Financials up until end July have been done and sent to Chris Bishoff to load onto the website. The rest to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Office

The office UPS is no longer working. JW to get quotes to replace it.

Standards

NM presented a spreadsheet, used by the MDGA office staff, of the many standards infringements to the attention of Excom. He outlined his plan to tackle the list and how he plans to work with the relevant residents to solve their standards issues. He asked for the committee's assistance in assessing infringements in their areas so we can narrow down the list and expedite the work that needs to be done.

Meeting ended 19.55

Next meeting 18 October 2023

Signed by the Chairperson



Diane Caswell